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## TRANSCRIPT \$1

### MARYLAND NOTES

Another large brick hotel is to be built in Easton. It will contain 60 rooms.

The spring term of the public schools in Cecil County closed on Wednesday.

Rev. J. Earle Maloy, for eight years pastor of the Rockville M. P. Church, preached his farewell sermon Sunday.

But three more weeks remain of the present license law in Cecil County. On May 1st the new local option law goes into effect.

A banking house, the first for North East, opened its doors on Wednesday under the management of L. L. Derrick, of Snow Hill.

The latest improvement contemplated by the Eastern Shore Development Company is a trolley line connecting Cambridge Ferry, Easton and Love Point. This line would connect remote sections of Dorchester, Queen Anne and Talbot County with Baltimore and Philadelphia.

### THE MERCIFUL WOMAN

BY WILL M. MAUPIN

She had a tender, loving heart That often throbbled with woe Because of cruel treatment men Forced her to undergo.

And on her fair expanse of brow Were lines of deepest care Because men shot in her sport The birds that fly the air.

At last determined she to write A tender, strong address And have it printed—with all heads— In all the public press.

She wrote in strong yet tender vein, She covered sheets a score, Then took it to the editor— And this is what she wrote:

A robin rebreast on her hat, A mink's skin 'round her throat; A mother seal gave up her life To make my lady's coat.

Two other tails of mink sheen Adorned each beaver cuff, Fur muskrat yielded up their lives That she might have a muff.

She wrote a pair of speedy nags Whose coats had just been clipped, And which, hand by hand, she found, In anguish pranced and skipped.

And while she to the editor Just talked, and talked, and talked, The shirt-rings coughed and sneezed, Whose tails had just been docked.

### BEFORE GOV. JOHN HUNN

Tuesday a delegation called upon the Governor, at Dover, presenting the case of the Union Republicans imploring him not to sign the Voters' Assistant law repealer. The delegation was about the same in numbers as was the rival delegation of a few days ago. Messrs. W. H. Hayes, Dr. Luther Conwell, Dr. G. W. Marshall and David Clark addressed the Governor, after which Gov. Hunn arose and in a very candid and thoughtful manner made the following statement which we quote verbatim:

"I thank this delegation for its manifest interest in braving the storm that the dignity and freedom of the State be maintained. I have not arrived at a decision in this matter and I expect to give it careful consideration. The responsibility is all mine. There is no man to whom I can shift it, and I do not desire to shift it if I could. What I shall do I shall leave to the best interests of the voting citizens of this State, irrespective of party, with the light given me in this matter. I know my action will be criticized by the press of this State from one end to the other, no matter what my decision, but that all goes with the position I hold. I realized the responsibility of my position when I was inaugurated and I mean to accept it. I thank you for your remarks and beg to wish you all good-day."

### Middletown Directory.

#### MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

President, William R. Cochran; Secretary, George G. Rowe; Charles H. Howell, J. F. McWhorter.

#### BANKS.

Peoples National Bank—President, Geo. M. Hart; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Tellers, W. G. Lockwood, Bank Building on East Main Street.

Citizens National Bank—President, Joseph Rigg; Cashier, John S. Cronch; Tellers, Davis, Bank Building on South Broad Street.

#### SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. O. U. W. Meets every Tuesday night in Town Hall, at 8 o'clock.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

#### THE CHURCHES.

Bethesda M. E. Church—Rev. C. T. Wyatt, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 11 p. m. A. G. O. G. Superintendents. Prayer meeting, Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Official Board meeting, Friday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday morning class, 9:30 o'clock. Sunday school, 10:30 o'clock. Young People's Society, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Forest Presbyterian Church—Rev. P. B. Brown, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sabbath school will be held every Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. J. F. Fischer, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

#### LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, April 13th, 1903.

THERE is the utmost gratification in Republican circles in Washington over the Northern Securities Company decision which is regarded as not only a great victory for the Attorney-General, but as proving indubitably that the President and his Cabinet are correct in the proposition that combinations of capital, effected either for the restraint of trade or having it within their power to prevent competition, can be reached and controlled through the courts rather than by any reduction of the tariff which would inevitably operate to the advantage of the trusts by removing all domestic competition, that is by destroying the tariff in the same classes of industry. The haste with which this decision was reached was due to the so-called "hurry up" law which was drafted by Attorney-General Knox and enacted by Congress at the request of the Attorney-General and the President. Moreover, as a result of this law it is expected that the Supreme Court will give precedence to the case at the beginning of its fall term, next October, and that a decision will be reached early in the fall. That the Supreme Court will confirm the decision of the lower court is regarded as a foregone conclusion in view of the fact that the four judges who tried the case in the Circuit Court of Appeals were unanimous in their opinion.

Coming immediately after the announced purpose of the Administration to "stand pat" on the tariff schedules, at least until after election, the Northern Securities decision is regarded as particularly timely and it is predicted by those statesmen in Washington who are in touch with the Iowa situation that this sounds the death knell of the "Iowa idea." The Iowa situation has been the occasion of no little anxiety recently to the President and his advisors. Governor Cummins' hearty espousal of the Iowa idea, the immediate revision of the tariff, has, it has been feared, threatened a rupture in the party in that stronghold of Republicanism and the approaching convention, which will be called for the last of July or the first of August, was looked forward to with apprehension. Governor Cummins' control of the state was appreciated and it was not known whether he would insist on a tariff revision plank in the state platform. Now that the correctness of the President's position regarding the trusts has been demonstrated it is believed that the Governor, who is a staunch Republican, and a protectionist as well, will appreciate that the time has not arrived when a revision of the tariff is necessary and will seek to avoid rather than to precipitate questions which might occasion a collision of divergent factions in the convention.

The news of the recent disaster on the battleship Iowa has been received at the Navy Department with great concern and it is regarded as probable that the Secretary of the Navy will, on his return to Washington, order a court of inquiry to investigate the causes. There are grave reflections to be heard in inner circles with regard to the ammunition in use by the navy and it is possible that this subject will receive particular attention. There have been too many accidents on naval vessels in the past year and Officers high in the service are convinced that there is some underlying cause which requires a prompt and drastic remedy.

The Post office investigations still continue, although it is, in view of the reticence of the officials, difficult to obtain the results. The Postmaster General is still out of the city and his subordinates say they have positive orders not to talk. It is known, however, that people all over the country are taking advantage of the investigations now going on to present evidence which they have evidently suppressed would, in the past, have been unheeded. The latest communication received is anonymous but is so nearly in line with what has been suspected that it has received more attention than is ordinarily accorded an anonymous communication. It states that there has for some time existed a ring to which it is necessary for employees to pay tribute in order to secure promotion. While this ring is said to have been operated all over the country, it was in the New York office that it was particularly active and the name of a New York employee, claimed to have represented the conspirators is furnished. This employee is now being investigated but his name is not likely to appear in the public prints until more definite information has been secured because editors fear laying themselves open to libel suits.

The Secretary of Agriculture, who has long been recognized as the leading exponent of the theory of teaching the elementary principles of agriculture in the primary schools, particularly those in the rural districts, has organized a class from the District of Columbia Normal School and has placed at its disposal a small green-house for the purpose of experimentation. The class now numbers nearly one hundred young men and women and Secretary Wilson often finds time, notwithstanding his active labors, to go on himself and lecture to the class. This is only a first beginning but it is what the Secretary hopes to see established in every normal school in the country in the not distant future.

### HERE'S A PUZZLER

When a man and a widow marry and the man dies, is she the widow of the first husband or of the second one, or of both? This was a conundrum recently before the pension authorities. The widow of a federal soldier was drawing a pension as such widow. She married again and the pension stopped. Then one second husband died and the widow made application for re-instatement as the widow of the first husband and the claim was allowed. Consequently before the ruling, the widow can never be a widow of any but her first husband.

### FARM AND GARDEN

The feeding of winter lambs is a business which requires more thorough attention than is usually paid to it. It should be commenced in many instances months before it is. Many men think it is not necessary to commence feeding until you have the lamb a week old. That in my opinion is where they make the mistake. Commence when the ewe goes to the buck. See that the ewe from that time is never allowed to fall off in flesh. Let her be kept in and improving condition, so that when she lambs she will be in a strong fleshy shape, not too fat. In such condition she will bring a big fat lamb. The lamb has a good start. If your lambs come thin and weak it will take more time to fill them up than the fat lambs. There is also more loss and trouble. It seldom happens that a strong lamb will not take all the milk the ewe has, while with a weak lamb you may have trouble that way. Try to feed first-class lambs from poor weak ewes is a most unsatisfactory business, both as to profit or pleasure.—Richard Walley in American Agriculturist.

Before setting a hen, I put plenty of coal ashes in the bottom of the nest, then cover them well with straw, and sift on insect powder or sulphur to protect from lice. While the hen is sitting, I only let her off once a day to eat. After the chicks are hatched, I do not feed them anything for 24 hours, then I feed four or five times a day, until they are about two weeks old, Johnny cake made of buttermilk or sour milk, water, soda and corn meal. Then I commence feeding cracked corn. While the chicks are small I frequently give them sweet milk and black pepper to drink. I never let the chicks out of the coop when the grass is wet until they are well feathered out and seldom ever have any with gaps. If they are troubled with lice, grease them well under the wings and on the top of the head with lard and sift on plenty of insect powder.—Minnie Jolin in American Agriculturist.

The Irish potato beetle when left alone will soon eat up every green potato in the field. But with as simple a remedy as paris green there is no necessity for allowing this to occur. Still, the potato beetle has poisoned, killed and picked for over 25 years in the United States, but it is still with us and is here to stay. The same will probably be found true with the San Jose scale. It will be hard to exterminate completely without at the same time injuring the trees, but with persistent effort it can be controlled.

When the spring opens there is a temptation to put stock on the pasture rather early in the season. This should not be done, as tramping by the animals may do harm. A heavy roller should be used over the pasture field, so as to press down and smooth the surface for the mower if a field is cut for hay. Very young grass or rye is laxative, and cows will fall off in yield of milk if put out too early or kept on the pasture too long.

Oats have frequently been seeded in the early spring for sheep pasture. If care is taken to prevent the animals' cropping too closely, a large amount of forage can be secured, after which the crop may be allowed to develop and be cut for grain or for hay. As soon as the ground is over the ground can be plowed and a second crop of oats sown and used for pasture. This condition may be desired.

Too much corn fed to young pigs, especially, may cause foot rot, but even a large proportion at the finishing stage has no such effect. Feeding milk with corn will counteract the tendency of corn in producing soft pork.

It is a fact that the farmer is prosperous when he combines with his farming the manufacture of pork and beef. The corn, grass, hay and fodder are his raw materials; the pork and beef and wool are his finished product.

### GOOD SEED

Too much attention cannot be given to the purity and quality of seed for spring sowing. So many of our spring seeds are put into the ground while it is yet cold that the wonder is any survive. Under these unfavorable conditions for delicate germinative life the vitality of the seed, if best crop results are expected, must be economy, and it is the height of unwise economy that jeopardizes a crop by making the small saving in the price between doubtful seed and the best seed a consideration.

Usually the main cost of growing the maximum crop is little more than that of the seed, and the profit lies not in the matter of the seed, but in the excess; and no amount of fertility or tillage will make the best crop from poor seed.

For instance, in the corn crop the usual amount of seed per acre is one eighth of a bushel, which is enough if seed and ground be good. There is improved seed corn that on given land will produce from five to fifty per cent. more than seed taken here and there at random. Such seed is entirely guiltless of any effort ever having been made for its improvement, and would be too expensive to the business farmer as a gift in comparison with selected, improved seed at several dollars a bushel.

## GOOD ROADS BILL

Governor Hunn Signs the Bill Passed Recently at Dover

### MONEY FOR THE COUNTIES

Governor Hunn Tuesday signed the good roads bill recently passed by the Legislature and in the afternoon announced that he had appointed Cornelius J. Horrigan of Wilmington, to be one of the three state highway commissioners.

The good roads bill which has now become a law, is the one introduced by Representative Tyre, under which an expenditure of \$10,000 in each county each year for two years may be made in addition to a similar amount to be raised by the Levy Court of each county. Macadam or other hard and durable substance must be used in the road building.

C. J. Horrigan, the new commissioner, will receive \$1,000 a year, and he is appointed for three years from January 1st, 1903, subject to confirmation by the next State Senate. He resides at Twenty-third and Market streets, Wilmington, and has had years of experience in road building and stone quarrying.

The governor will appoint two other commissioners, one each from Kent and Sussex Counties, one to serve two and the other one year.

### HAWKINS APPOINTED

United States Marshal William R. Flinn announced Saturday morning that he had appointed James L. Hawkins, a prominent East Side Regular Republican as his assistant. The newly appointed official took the oath of office Saturday and began his duties at once.

Mr. Hawkins has been prominently identified with the Republican party in Wilmington for years, and his many friends were pleased when the news of his appointment became known. He has been a letter carrier, special officer for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, Wilmington detective, chief of police under Mayor Wales, superintendent of Sewers, both for Wilmington and for the late John J. Jacoby, and was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate during the recent General Assembly.

He is also a prominent member of the Union Veterans Legion and fought with courage during the war of the rebellion. He was a member of the First Delaware Light Artillery under Captain Benjamin Fields.

### MARRIAGE OF THE FUTURE

One of the effects of the growing freedom of women according to Carroll D. Wright, will be to decrease, temporarily, the number of marriages and increase divorces, but the ultimate result will be a more beautiful ideal of marriage than the world has ever seen.

"Women of independent means," said Mr. Wright, in a lecture given recently, "will not sell their freedom and their souls in return for a home and social position. In this they are quite right, and I am able to see no difference between the woman who sells herself to a man permanently and the one who does it for a temporary period. When this necessity is removed marriages will take place only when companionship in the holiest sense is intended, and the race will be recruited from the highest rather than from the lowest of women of society. Many inglorious predictions have been made regarding the disintegration of society that must result from the increasing freedom of women, but I believe that with more power they will act still more wisely. Their loveliness will be increased, and their freedom will lead to happier and purer social conditions. They will exert an influence, which we cannot now fully comprehend, and if this leads to political life we must not quarrel with it."

Mr. Wright began his lecture with a brief discussion of the subjection of women. "It is difficult," he said, "to explain how this originated, but it was confirmed and given a new lease of life by religious superstition. Men found in some misunderstood texts of Scripture a warrant for their cowardly position; but though the degrading doctrine of Paul cannot be explained away, I decline to believe that any such teaching ever emanated from the devout father or the gentle Nazarene."

Up to the present time, Mr. Wright thinks, the participation of women in industrial life has done nothing but good. They have improved intellectually; and, so far from the moral deterioration which was predicted from their mingling with men in the affairs of the world, the morals of working women are on as high a plane as those of any other class of women, if not higher. Even that respect which civilized society has always accorded to women, and which it was feared might suffer under different conditions, had been increased, rather than diminished, by independence and proved capacity.

### LEVY COURT WORK

As the Levy Court commissioners are keeping well up with business of the county, it is probably that the weekly meetings will be dispensed with during the coming summer months and that sessions will be held only twice a month. It is argued that if the commissioners meet daily there would be something for transaction, but it is believed that it will be possible to keep up with the business by meeting every two weeks. In Kent County the Levy Court commissioners meet monthly and in Sussex county quarterly. When the city of New Castle was the county seat of this county, the commissioners met once a month, but after the county seat was moved the increase in the amount of county business made more frequent meetings necessary.

### DELAWARE NOTES

A fire company is being organized in Georgetown.

Cadets of Delaware College hereafter will wear khaki uniforms instead of the regulation gray.

Because of the sale of the steamer Emma Reis to Baltimoreans, there is no steamer now plying between Milford and Philadelphia.

Leo Bernheimer and Adolph Echoltz, lawyers, of Philadelphia, addressed the Young Men's Hebrew Association in Wilmington Sunday.

During a rough-and-tumble fight Sunday morning in Wilmington, Frederick Brown bit off a part of Richard Elliott's tongue. Brown was arrested.

Colonel Theodore Townsend, of the First Delaware Regiment, has agreed to the organization of a militia company in Newark and enlistments are being made.

While chasing a rabbit, given to him as an Easter present, Albert Blackwell, of West Eighth street, Wilmington, was struck by a People's Railway car at Sixth and Madison streets and painfully injured.

After being unconscious for two weeks, Rocco Cicillo, an Italian, who was struck by a derrick on the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad, died Sunday in the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington.

City Solicitor Reinhardt is preparing an agreement between City Council and the duPont Powder Company whereby the new Rockford tower will be opened to the public. Should anyone be injured by explosions there the city will indemnify the powder company against damages.

### GOOD NATURE

What is the use of being pessimistic? Did pessimism ever do you any good? What if the coal is low in the bins and the money slack in the pockets? Worrying about it will not fill either of them, but getting down to hard work this minute, keeping at it above all, working the right way, will.

Every minute idly spent wondering and worrying and speculating as to what is going to happen, is a minute wasted. Hard luck is a phantom; laziness is a fact. Don't be lazy, and you will not have hard luck. Life is a class in mathematics. Work according to the rule and stick to it, and you will solve the problem.

When you are feeling glum, down in the mouth, discouraged and generally out of sorts, remember the gospel of good nature. Then put it in practice. Stop thinking about your troubles. Do something for the other fellow. The result may surprise you. You thought, possibly, that he was a bear, but even if he is, he knows the milk of human kindness when he tastes it.

A smile is contagious. Perhaps you never thought of that. You knew that fear was catching, that discontent traveled like wildfire, that sickness begot sickness. We all acknowledge these things and we all know the deadly results. Why not change the thought? Why not recognize that confidence in the future, happiness and good health are also contagious? It was a wise philosopher who said, "Thoughts are things." It was a good philosopher who declared, "As a man thinketh, so is he." Practice makes perfect, is a saying, the truth of which is axiomatic. So optimism, practice good nature, and you will reap peace, joy and contentment. No one can make you unhappy, if you refuse to be unhappy. Try it and see if it does not work.

### DEATH OF REV. C. F. SHEPPARD

The Rev. Charles Ford Sheppard, a well-known minister of the Wilmington Conference, died suddenly at his home, in Frankford, Monday. Mr. Sheppard had been in failing health for the past two years, having been attacked with heart trouble while preaching in his pulpit in St. Georges M. E. Church, in years ago. He became a supernumerary in the Conference, and removed to Frankford, where he has since resided.

Mr. Sheppard entered the ministry from Delaware City, where he was teaching school. He joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1859, and when the Wilmington Conference was formed, became a member of it. He was born in Bridgeport, N. J. He was one of the most beloved pastors in the Wilmington Conference and was a scholarly preacher. He was active in the Conference work, and was recording secretary of the Conference Historical Society.

He leaves a widow who was Miss Mary Emma Dashiell, of Laurel, a sister of the Rev. John H. Dashiell, of Annapolis, a member of the Baltimore Conference, and the late Rev. Robert Lawrence Dashiell, D. D., a missionary secretary of the Methodist Church. He also leaves four daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Irving Gardner, wife of the Rev. Edwin Gardner, a member of the Methodist Church of Cape Charles, Va. The other are: Mrs. Robert Murray, wife of Dr. Levin E. Murray, of Frankford, and Mrs. Miriam Sheppard Davidson, wife of J. M. Davidson, of Dover.

### MARIE CORELLI

Writes for "THE PHILADELPHIA PRESS"

Sunday, April 19, On "THE BODY MATCHERS"

A savage, unbridled attack on those who have given and propose to give memorials at the Home of Shakespeare. Marie Corelli is nothing if not sensational when she champions a cause, and in this vigorous "appeal" she flays everybody who holds opinions different from hers on the subject and attacks generous Americans, including the late George W. Childs and Andrew Carnegie. Read it in next Sunday's "Philadelphia Press," April 19.

### USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Brass ornaments may be cleaned by washing with rock alum, dissolved in hot water.

The steam arising from vinegar dropped on the stove or on hot coals is a good disinfectant.

Burn all dry rubbish in and out of the house, or otherwise dispose of it—nothing is more unsightly.

Washing the feet of new stockings before they are worn is said to enhance their wearing qualities.

To retain the nutrient qualities of meat plunge it in boiling water, keep it there a few moments, then simmer until done. Learn to drink with the lips inside the cup or obliged to drink after another. Better provide your own cup in traveling.

To remove paint or varnish marks on glass, rub with a little warm vinegar, or with the edge of a copper coin dipped in water.

Save pieces of old linen, cotton and flannel; roll and label them. Know where everything is, and thus save time when you need it.

China that has borders and decorations of gold should be washed in hot water without soap. The mildest soap will in time dull the gilt and wear it away.

Mildew may be removed from linen by an application of soft soap and powdered chalk, or soaking in buttermilk or sour milk. Put the cloth in the sun and repeat if necessary.

A good way to purify the air of a sick room in rainy weather is to pour a little oil of lavender into a cup of steaming hot water. This will also purify dining-room and halls of disagreeable cooking odors.

Soak new brooms several hours in cold water, and hang them up or set them broom end up, and they will last longer and wear evenly. If wet once in a while in hot water they will be more pliable.

To remove ink stains from a book a small quantity of oxalic acid, diluted with water, applied with camel's hair pencil, and blotted with blotting paper is said, with two applications, to remove all traces of ink.

To clean embossed silver articles, dissolve an ounce of alum in two quarts of strong soap; wash the article in it, using a soft brush for the very ornamental part. Rinse in cold water, dry on a clean cloth, and polish with a chamois leather.

Everyone should have their own hair brush and comb, and keep them clean, and as a rule, be as careful about using another's as they would about using their tooth brush. Keep these toilet articles clean with ammonia or soda water, and put them away out of the dust.

In making rice glue mix rice flour smoothly with cold water, and simmer it over a slow fire, when it will form a delicate and durable cement, not only answering all the purposes of common paste, but well adapted for joining paper and cardboard ornamental work.

To fumigate a room put a few red hot coals in an empty coal hod, or iron kettle, and sprinkle a little sulphur over them. Close the windows and doors for several hours. This should be done often in rooms occupied by transient lodgers, as well as in rooms where cigars and pipes are used.

Mend every article of clothing before putting it away for the season. Wash goods may be starched and ironed and laid away for the next season. Label boxes in which many things are packed, and it will be less work to find them. Mark in some way screen doors and windows, and save the trouble of finding out which screen belongs to which window.

For removing stains from cuffs, aprons, dresses and other white goods a weak solution of chloride of lime is excellent. Dissolve a large tablespoonful of the lime in eight quarts of water, and place the stained article to soak in the fluid. An occasional squeeze will facilitate the cleaning process, which will be found to have been accomplished in ordinary cases in twenty-four hours.

Stockings and socks that have seen their best days and are on their way to the ragbag, may be utilized in various ways by the careful housewife. Cut off the feet, then fold the leg part over several times and sew the ends, and one has a soft holder for grasping knutles, the stoveholder, irons and other utensils of the kitchen. White hosiery is capital when used as a window cleaner in place of the old duster or bit of discarded muslin which many women



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The Evening Journal says:  
"The MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, in discussing the burning question of the Voters' Assistant repeal bill, has the following to say:

We had supposed that the position of THE TRANSCRIPT on the "burning question" was understood. We have been opposed to the idea of making the Voters' Assistant the scape goat for all the bribery, corruption and frauds upon the ballot, and we are to-day opposed to that idea, and are willing to abide by the decision of the Governor which we are positive will be what he thinks is best for the whole people. THE TRANSCRIPT was, and is, in favor of a simple ballot law, and had the "monster delegation" of last Thursday given the same amount of time and attention while the Legislature was in session to securing such a law there would have been no possible reason for not securing it.

But as is usually the case they endeavored to attain an unattainable object. Votes were bought and sold before the Australian Ballot was forced upon the State by a Democratic Legislature in the hope that it would result in disfranchising the Republican vote; votes were bought and sold under the Australian Ballot law as first passed; votes were bought and sold under the Australian Ballot law without the Voters' Assistant; and votes will be bought and sold until the moral sense of the community is raised to such a degree that the vote buyer and the vote seller are ostracized. By this we do not mean that we favor the nefarious practice. On the contrary we fight it and we think that no districts in the state are freer from the curse than the third and fourth of St. Georges Hundred.

We hope the Evening Journal will be able to see our position. We do not expect it to appreciate it nor do we care about that part of it. When, as was the case in many districts in this State in 1900, 15 to 20 per cent. of the qualified voters in a district lose their votes by reason of defective marking, some method of assistance is needed. We agree with our friends that the present law is not the best that can be had. But it is better than none.

**GOOD ROADS ASSURED**  
The Governor has set at rest all rumors as to the disposition of the Tyre Good Roads bill by announcing that he has approved the measure. While this bill was not in our opinion the best, one before the Legislature, it was the only one that passed. It appropriates \$10,000 of State aid yearly to each county, conditioned on the county providing a like sum, and calls for three commissioners, one from each county. The Governor has appointed Mr. Cornelius J. Horngan as New Castle County's commissioner, and the choice is an excellent one and augurs well for the start of the system.

With the two appropriations of \$10,000 each, New Castle County ought to be able to build from 5 to 7 miles of improved roads each year, as with crushed stone at hand and fairly cheap and gravel in abundance in nearly every locality, the cost per mile should not be over \$3,000 to \$4,000 per mile.

In the two years covered by the appropriation this ought to result in 10 or 15 miles of good hard highways, that should stand as an object lesson to the public. We hope that the Levy Court will at once provide the necessary funds so that the first year's work may be completed before the frost of the next winter set in. And we hope that the commissioners of Roads will provide a plan that will result in securing a continuous good road from one end of the county to the other rather than to piece meal work which will result in a system resembling a "crazy quilt." Let us have a good State Road and the branches will follow naturally.

We understand that the Town Point boarding house, "Riverview," G. W. Kibler, proprietor, will be closed to the public this season, and a Philadelphia family will occupy it as a summer residence.

Mr. Louis Morford, of Philadelphia, is having his house in Back Creek enlarged and improved by the addition of rooms and new porches. Mr. Morford Lake, of Chesapeake City, will occupy the house after its completion.

## SASSAFRAS ITEMS

We were visited on Tuesday night by a severe electrical storm.  
Mr. Thomas Massey, of Massey, visited SassafRAS Friday.  
Easter music in the churches was never more beautiful.

Mr. Harry Savin, of Townsend, visited SassafRAS on Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Griffith and two daughters were in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Grace Sylvester, of near Kennedyville, is visiting her parents here.

Mrs. Nicholas George and mother were guests of Mrs. John Clothier Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffith, of near Cecilton, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith, Friday.

Many here were very sorry to learn of the death of Rev. Charles F. Sheppard, a former pastor of North East.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston and children were entertained on Sunday by her mother, Mrs. R. Stradley.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross entertained Mr. Hart, of Townsend, and a few friends from Blanker, Md., on Monday.

Little Miss Annie Sylvester who has been critically ill for some weeks with pneumonia, is very much improved.

Rev. J. McLain Brown preached an eloquent sermon on Sunday morning in the M. P. Church. The music was very fine.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mumford, of Galena, were entertained on Sunday by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Thornley, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith entertained the Aid Society under the auspices of the M. P. Rebooth Church on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Harry W. Lowe, formerly of North East but now of Wilmington, has been elected eminent commander of the Wilmington Knights Templar.

Mrs. Frederick Robertson has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Culp, of Philadelphia, and while there was taken sick but is now so much improved as to be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester entertained on Sunday Rev. and Mrs. J. McLain Brown and son, Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Burris, of near Kennedyville and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin and son, Paul.

Mr. Bayard Jones met with a severe and painful accident on Thursday night last in which he had his right arm fractured. He and Mr. Earl Davis with two young ladies were returning from an evening party and when they reached SassafRAS their horse became frightened and turned suddenly, upsetting the carriage and throwing the occupants out. No one was injured but Mr. Jones.

**CECILTON SIFTINGS**  
Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elkton, spent a few days with her parents near town.

Miss Adela Clason, of Philadelphia, spent a few days with her friend, Mamie Pierce.

Misses Elizabeth Anderson and Lillie Pierce spent Sunday with Miss Frances Griffith.

Dr. William A. Pierce, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. James H. Pierce, this week.

Joseph Jarrell, wife and daughter, Miss Daisy, of Viola, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hoover.

Oldam Davis who has been spending sometime with his parents, has returned to his position in Elkton.

Misses Mary and Laura Clark, of Westminster, spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mrs. William Clark.

Miss Blanche and Penola Van Buskirk, of Baltimore, are spending sometime with their cousins, Misses Edith and Anna Alderson.

Invitations are out for the twentieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Boulden on Wednesday evening, April 15th, near town.

Messrs. Howard Stephens, of Washington College, and Gilbert Cooling, of Western Maryland, were entertained by friends near town on Saturday.

Mr. C. H. Messick has contracted with Mr. George Biddle of Elkton, to build a large barn, stables and carriage house, all under one roof, on his farm near town.

**BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS**  
Mrs. Susan J. Smythe is the guest of Philadelphia friends.

Miss Clara Thornton spent last week with Miss Short, in Cecilton.

Miss Edna Spear spent Easter with the Messes Gray, near Mt. Pleasant, Del.

Mr. J. Elliott Pardee, of Centreville, is spending Sunday at "Shady Lawn."

Miss Bessie Rhodes, of Chesapeake City, spent last week with Mrs. E. O. Spear.

Miss Ethel Ellison spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Sallie Hickman in Chesapeake City.

Mrs. J. J. Williams is having the house occupied by her son, Fred, enlarged by the addition of a second story room.

One of the men working on the farm of N. J. Bryson cut his right foot very badly in two places while cutting wood.

Miss Edythe Willis, of Chesapeake City, and Mr. Elwood Weeks, of Western Maryland College, were entertained by Miss Edith Berry, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jones and daughter, Mary Wilson Jones, of Kennedyville, spent four days this week with her mother, Mrs. Annie B. Berry at "Shady Lawn."

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Mr. Jerrice Price, of Earlville, spent Tuesday in town.

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Miss Edelle Marsh is sojourning at her home on Elkton street.

Mrs. Jennie Goldsborough spent Saturday in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. John K. M. Garner was on a business trip to Kennedyville last Wednesday. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting tomorrow at 2 P. M. Every body is welcome.

Messrs. Albam Paul and Eccleston Marsh returned from the Quaker City Saturday.

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## CHESAPEAKE CITY NEWS

Miss Marion Boulden spent Monday in Elkton.

Miss Mary Boulden spent Monday in Wilmington.

Dr. Harry Cleaver spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss Bessie Rhoades has been visiting on the Manor.

Mr. William Groves, of Baltimore, was in town last week.

Mr. John Loveless, of Trenton, was a Sunday visitor here.

Mrs. John Banks was a Wilmington visitor last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles West were in Wilmington Thursday.

Mr. Charles Baker, of Perryville, spent Sunday with his wife here.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, Jr., were in Baltimore this week.

Mrs. Alexander Evans, of Elkton, was in town this week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, of Locust Grove, were guests of friends here Sunday.

Mr. Edward Biddle, Jr., of Philadelphia, has been visiting friends here.

Mr. Alexander Colmary has returned from an extended visit to Baltimore.

Mr. Harry Titter, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Eliza Titter.

Miss Emma Lowery, of Baltimore, is being entertained by Miss Elizabeth Cooling.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Lorraine.

Mrs. J. Polk Steele and Mrs. James Hopper spent several days this week in Newark, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metz, of Wilmington, were guests of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Metz.

Mr. Delmar Curry, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Curry.

Mrs. W. Harry Jones, of the Manor, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Catharine Lorraine.

Mr. T. B. Hopper and little Anna West, of Philadelphia, were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Hopper.

Mrs. Guy Biddle and daughter and Miss Lillie Biddle and nephew, of Earleville, spent Monday with Miss Alice Clark.

Mr. Frank Stevens, of Philadelphia, was entertained during the Easter holidays by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens.

Mr. George Murray, of the Trenton and New York Line Steamers, has been home for a few days owing to the serious illness of his wife.

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The Messes Will and Josephine Aiken, of Delaware City, Del., spent the Easter holidays with their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wilson.

Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting to-morrow evening at 7:45 o'clock. Topic: "The Sacred Sabbath." Matt. 12:1-13. Leader, Miss Mamie Butler.

Mr. Jesse Vinyard was tendered a surprise last Friday evening by the Junior Christian Endeavor Society. Vocal and instrumental music as well as many parlor games were much enjoyed by the company. At 10:40 refreshments were served.

Easter Sunday passed off very quietly in Warwick owing to the inclement weather. At St. Francis' Xavier Church the usual fine decorations were to be seen, surmounted by a most eloquent sermon delivered by the Rev. Father Charles P. McGoldrick. At the M. P. Church the Rev. J. M. Brown delivered his farewell sermon which brought tears to the eyes of the unusual large congregation.

**\$21.25 TO ST. LOUIS**  
And Return via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Account Louisiana Purchase Exposition

On account of the Dedication ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, April 30th to May 2d and the National Good Roads Convention, April 27th to May 2d the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will sell round trip tickets April 20th to 26th, good to return until May 4th at rate of \$21.25. Call on ticket agents Market Street and Delaware Avenue Station, or write to H. A. Miller, T. P. A., Wilmington, Del., for detailed information.

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Silk Monte Carlo Coats, loose front and back, large collars and widekimona sleeves, 27 inches long, trimmed with lace and silk braid, prices from \$10 up.

**Walking Skirts**

This year we have succeeded better than ever with our cheap Skirts, better fitting, better tailored, material better. This one, of Melton, in black, blue, gray and Oxford stands as a fair example, seven gore, lapped seams, full circular flare, finished with hem of solid stitching. A finer line of walking skirts at the low prices we put on ours couldn't be found anywhere. \$2.98, \$3.50, \$4, \$5.

A full line of Dress Skirts, in all the proper grades of goods and styles, in cheviot, Venetian, broadcloth, silk, mohair, peau de-soie. We do not need to tell you how our dress skirts are tailored, and of the fitting part, we have the reputation for that. We keep nothing but up-to-date goods from the best makers of New York, prices from \$1.48 to \$30.

Our Wash Waists are here waiting for you, a larger assortment than ever, with all the leading styles of plain tailored or those prettily trimmed with lace or embroidery, while still others have tucks and hem-stitching, are made with the new style sleeves, French backs and blouse fronts, each one has a fancy stock collar. Prices from 98c. to \$3.50.

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**MEN'S WORSTED SUITS**—The neat plain effects that are so much in demand—the over-plaids and the stripes—and all worsted, mark you! That's the fabric that is selling above all others—\$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00.

**Black Cheviot Suits** are a good second. A thousand suits ready for this week's selling—\$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$16.00—the latter is a soft Vicuna finish. Oak Hall suits fit.

**Oak Hall Linings** this season excel all past preparation in point of beauty and durability. Mohair and the new Venetian cloth are equally prominent in coat linings. They are rich appearing and fine for wear. Good to look at.

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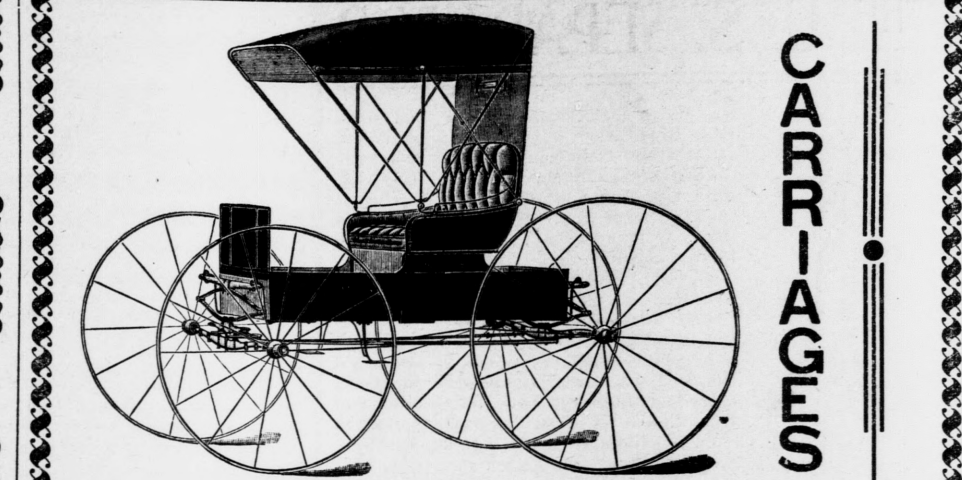
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Be prudent. Take out a Health Policy, and then if you are taken sick you will have a relief fund every week with which to pay your physician and keep your family supplied.

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## 1903 TIME TABLE 1903

**The New Iron Steamer Clio**  
Captain HOWARD V. WOODALL, WILL LEAVE  
Odessa & Augustine Pier for Phila. AND RETURN FROM ARCH STREET WHARF, PHILADELPHIA, AS FOLLOWS:

**Odessa**  
Thursday, 2d, 12:30 pm  
Friday, 3d, 11 am  
Saturday, 4th, 8 pm  
Sunday, 5th, 11 am  
Monday, 6th, 8 pm  
Tuesday, 7th, 11 am  
Wednesday, 8th, 8 pm  
Thursday, 9th, 11 am  
Friday, 10th, 8 pm  
Saturday, 11th, 11 am  
Sunday, 12th, 8 pm  
Monday, 13th, 11 am  
Tuesday, 14th, 8 pm  
Wednesday, 15th, 11 am  
Thursday, 16th, 8 pm  
Friday, 17th, 11



## The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as follows:  
North Bound—3.10 a. m., 5.30 a. m., 8.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 1.40 p. m., 3.50 p. m., 6.10 p. m., 8.30 p. m., 11.00 p. m.  
South Bound—3.10 a. m., 5.30 a. m., 8.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 1.40 p. m., 3.50 p. m., 6.10 p. m., 8.30 p. m., 11.00 p. m.

Mails Close as follows:  
Going North—2.30 a. m., 10.45 a. m., 3.50 p. m., 6.10 p. m., and 8.30 p. m.  
Going South—3.10 a. m., 5.30 p. m., and 8.30 p. m.  
For Baltimore—3.10 a. m., 1.40 p. m., 3.50 p. m., 6.10 p. m., 8.30 p. m., and 11.00 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sassafras—8.40 a. m.

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### Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Ingram's.  
FOR SALE.—A first-class driving horse. Apply to  
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Wrappers, all sizes, all styles, 50c to \$1.50.  
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.  
A splendid lot of Red Cedar Pallets for wire fence at right price.  
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DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.  
HAY FOR SALE.—\$15 per ton.  
J. FRANK ELIASON, Mt. Pleasant, Del.

Ladies' and Children's spring suits, and a full line of dress goods and trimmings.  
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.  
FOR SALE.—125 bushels of Seed Potatoes. Fine quality, 80 cents per bushel, at  
E. F. INGRAM'S.

FOR SALE.—No. 7 New Perfect Range in thorough order. Cheap. M. JONES, S. Broad and Cochran Sts.

Sunday was the last day of Lent and social functions will once more be resumed after an intermission of forty days.

Ground Oyster Shells, Meat and Bone, Chicken Manure, Shredded Lard and Poultry Powder, Hay and Garden Seed of all kinds.  
EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.  
FOR RENT.—My 10 room dwelling on West Cochran street. For further particulars apply to  
Mrs. RACHEL CONNER, Middletown, Del.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3.30 to 5; Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

I now have the agency for 9 corset makers and carry over 1500 corsets in stock. All the latest and best styles at the lowest prices. Call and see them.  
Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow, both morning and evening. Subjects, morning: "Christ's Terms of Discipleship." Evening: "Hitherto hath the Lord Helped Us."

Two horses attached to the creamery wagon of Cook & Brady and driven by Robert Fowler became frightened Tuesday afternoon and ran from the depot towards the creamery. The wagon was upset, and Mr. Fowler thrown out and severely bruised.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The subject for to-morrow is "The Sacred Sabbath." Matt. 12:13. Leader, Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D.

The carpenters have completed the three new dwellings for State Treasurer Martin B. Harris on East Main street, and when the painters complete their task the houses will be ready to their owners, the contractors and a great improvement to that section of Main street.

We have received from Herbert N. Fell, of Wilmington, a chart showing the price of corn per bushel each year during the past thirty-six years. This chart will be sent to any of our subscribers free. Every farmer should have one. Address Herbert N. Fell, 837 Market Street, Wilmington.

Col. John Wainwright, of Wilmington, has secured the following pensions: Charles S. Ellison, of Mt. Pleasant, Co. B, 9th Delaware Infantry, \$6 a month from November 18th, 1902, and Thomas Turner, of Middletown, Co. I, 6th Reg't., U. S. Colored Volunteers, \$6 a month from October 30th, 1902.

There was an eclipse of the moon Sunday night, but owing to the cloudy weather it could not be seen in Middletown. In this latitude the moon entered the earth's shadow at 5.26 P. M. and left at 8.43 P. M. The moon was full at 7.18 and had it been clear the end of the eclipse would have been visible here.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 9th: Mrs. Annie Eliza Cleave Ross, Mrs. Annie J. Tibbitt and Mrs. Agnes Woone. Messrs. Wright Coppage, George Gray, Evert Hutchinson, W. D. Matherson, James Rhoads, Robert Dickets and Grant Simpson.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Four Red Flags—Self-conceit, Prejudice, Jealousy, Reckless Handling of Another's Name. Rom. 12:16; Prov. 6:34; Phil. 2:3. Leader, Mrs. W. C. Ellison.

Mr. James A. Bradley has contracted with the John Webb to remodel her house on East Main street, and will start the work Monday morning. The improvements will consist of a new building of the rear of the front one 12 by 20 feet, new bath room and stair-way, and will be a great addition to the appearance and comfort of the dwelling.

While the team of Mr. Harry S. Brady was standing under the shed of the Middletown Hotel Tuesday evening, a sneaky thief walked away with the plush robe, carriage seat, rain curtain and whip which Mr. Brady had left in the carriage. There have been several things taken from carriages in our town recently, and if someone would do a little detective work the guilty one could be apprehended, and sent to the workhouse.

A parlor meeting of the ladies of the W. C. T. U., will be held next Tuesday afternoon, April 21st, at the home of Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, commencing at 1.45 P. M. Mr. Emma Calk State President, and Mrs. Mary B. Donnell County President, will be present. They desire to meet all the members of the W. C. T. U., having very important business to bring before them. Let there be a full attendance to greet our president at this meeting.

Workmen are engaged in setting out the shade trees along the path leading to Forest Cemetery.

The Easter dance given in the Opera House last evening, was one of the most and largest attended dances ever given by the young men of Middletown. Albert's Orchestra of Wilmington, furnished excellent music, and many new faces were noticed among the participants.

The ladies of the Primary department of Bethesda M. E. Sabbath School had made all arrangements for a Musical and Colonial Tea in the Opera House on Tuesday evening last, as was announced in our last issue, but owing to the death of the Rev. C. F. Sheppard, the Norma Glee Club and the Wesley Quartet, of Dover were unable to keep their engagement, and the ladies were compelled to postpone the entertainment indefinitely. The Colonial Tea was held Thursday evening, and the gross receipts amounted to more than \$20.00.

The lady friends of Mrs. Marcellous Jones tendered her a pleasant birthday surprise at her home on South Broad street last evening. The occasion was a very pleasant one. Vocal and instrumental music added much to the pleasure of the evening. At a late hour refreshments were served and greatly enjoyed. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker, Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Price, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones, Mrs. Sarah Gill, Mrs. Flinn, Mrs. J. B. Messick, Misses Lou and Anna Cox, Miss Eliza R. Hurn, Mrs. Margaret Darlington, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore and Miss Anna Freeman.

Easter was generally observed on Sunday last by our churches of all religious denominations. The weather conditions were rather disappointing and while it was not so rainy and disagreeable, it was enough to dampen the ardor of the fairer sex. The general appearance of the congregation was lacking noticeably in that festiveness and gaiety which is produced by the milliners' and dressmakers' arts, and which requires only sunny weather on Easter Sundays to call it forth. The weather, however, did not effect the attendance and the hour for morning service found our churches well filled. In fact the skies were kinder than the weather man predicted, and between the light showers, there was enough time for the usual Easter promenades.

About 12.45 o'clock Friday morning some reckless man or boy while shooting a revolver on East Main street, turned the weapon in the direction of the house of Mrs. Anna Taylor and sent a bullet crashing through the weatherboarding. The ball passed through both weatherboarding and plaster, and its force was not checked until it came in contact with the iron bedstead on which Mr. Edward Collins was sleeping. The ball struck the side railing and it is very fortunate for Mr. Collins that the steel was iron, as the bullets course was in a direct line with his head, but was turned when it came in contact with the iron railing. Mr. Collins found the ball lying near the head of his bed Friday morning. It is a fact that too many of our men and young boys are carrying concealed deadly weapons; which practice if allowed to continue may result in a serious accident, and then some man or boy will find himself in trouble.

### THE LITTLE FOLKS

In the lecture room of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church Monday evening a large number of parents and friends of "The Little Light Bearers" gathered to witness the opening of the little missionary boxes of the primary department of the Sabbath School. The program rendered by the little folks included recitations, singing and a short address by Superintendent A. G. Cox. The proceeds amounted to \$6.75. The program which was a very enjoyable one, follows: Singing by the class, "The Bible," Apostles Creed. The Lord's Prayer. Recitation by Harry DeValinger and John Hukill.

Recitation by Sarah Kates, "I'm the Little Miss Muffet."  
Recitation by Mabel Dawson and Lola Ingram, "I'll Just Explain."  
Singing by a class of girls, "Ten Little Pennies."  
Recitation, Emma Miner.  
Recitation, Jessie Shepherd.  
Recitation, Timothy Hukill.  
Singing by a class of girls, "Growing Like Jesus."  
Recitation, Viola Weber.  
Recitation by Grace Williams, Bessie Denney, Edith Ellison, Alice Boudin, "Little Helpers."  
Address by Superintendent Cox.  
Singing, "Little Things."  
Opening Mission Boxes.  
Collection, taken by William Ellison and John Hukill.  
Singing, "Come over and Help Us."  
Dismissal.

The little boxes were held by the following "Little Light Bearers" during the past year: Delbert Gallagher, Sarah Kates, Helen McWhorter, Lizzie Orrell, Jesse Shepherd, Timothy Hukill, Russell and Irene Reed, Helen Barnard, William Taylor Clark, Charles Ritchie, Jr., Lola Ingram, William Alden Parker and John Francis McWhorter.

### TENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Crossland celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedding Monday evening at their beautiful country home near St. Georges. A very happy party, numbering nearly 200, old and young and middle aged, assembled and made the occasion one long to be remembered. Four generations were present, and while the little folks amused themselves in various ways the older ones spent the time of long ages. It was truly a very pleasant affair, and the evening will long be remembered by the participants as one of much enjoyment.

At a late hour the guests were invited to the dining-room, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion, and a sumptuous repast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Crossland were the recipients of many useful and ornamental presents. Guests were present from New Jersey, Wilmington, Hockessin, Delaware City, Summit Bridge, Middletown, Townsend, Smyrna, Centerville, Md., and other places.

### Spring Fertilizers

Stored in our Warehouses by bag or ton, for Oats, Potatoes, Tomatoes, Asparagus, Corn, Berries, Peach Trees and General Trucking. Send your teams and orders along. Prompt attention.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

### PERSONALITIES

Mr. Harry Layfield is in Virginia this week.  
Misses Ella and Fannie Fortner spent Easter in Wilmington.  
Mrs. J. A. Fortner, Jr., was in Wilmington over Sunday.  
Mrs. Albert Price is the guest of Philadelphia friends and relatives.  
Mrs. Katherine Leatherberry has been quite sick for the past week.

Miss Marguerite Lake, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd.  
Miss Esther Shalloo was entertained by Miss Helen Cochran this week.  
Miss Mary Morgan, of Fairlee, Md., is the guest of Mrs. W. T. Connelley.

Miss Nellie Ernest, of Philadelphia, spent Easter with Miss Addie Johnson.  
Miss Lockerman, of Blackbird, spent Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. William Alern.

Misses Dora and Jessie Culbertson, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Register in Chancery Joseph C. Jolls and Mr. W. S. Letherbury were in Baltimore Tuesday.  
Mr. Augustus Nowland who has been confined to his room for several days is able to be out again.

Mrs. E. Monro, mother of Walter Monro, of this town, is seriously ill at her home near Blackbird.

Mr. Ernest Johnson, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his father, Mr. William Johnson and family, during Easter.

Miss Cecelia Boudin, of Chester, Pa., spent Easter with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boudin, on Anderson street.

Mr. John J. Hoffecker, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. James R. Hoffecker, on South Broad street.

Mr. Frank R. Pool who has been confined to the house for several days, we are glad to state is improving at this writing.

Mr. William R. Hall, of the Phoenixville Bridge Company, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Hall, at the Presbyterian Manse.

Several people from Middletown attended the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Crossland near St. Georges Monday evening.

Mr. Harry M. Markley, Mrs. William Rickert, Miss Elzior Limbert, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Charles Markley, of New York, were Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Freeman.

### UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. J. A. Suydam takes great pleasure in announcing that an Athletic and Gymnastic Exhibition will be given at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, April 29th.  
Professor W. Ward Beam, the gymnastic instructor of the State Penitentiary, 6th Regiment, N. G. P., will present his class of gymnastic experts. The evening will be devoted to skill and muscle. Prof. Beam will demonstrate the latest methods of physical training.

The following is an outline of the programme:  
ROYCE BROTHERS.—In an artistic exhibition of lightning movements of skill, ease and grace. The undisputed champion bag-punchers of America.  
FRANK P. JONES.—Holding the championship for heavy weight lifting (140 pound class) of Pennsylvania and New York. A marvel of muscle and strength, showing the magnificent results of physical training.

WILLIAM NOCH vs. JOSEPH E. MEADE.—A masterly exhibition of scientific boxing.

RHODE and HENCH.—A charming comedy acrobatic turn introducing hand-balancing and tumbling.

MARTINETTIE and CROTHER.—Expert gymnasts.

CHARLES A. CRADDOCK vs. DANIEL CRADDOCK, formerly of Middletown.—Scientific wrestling. Mr. Charles Craddock will meet anyone at 145 pounds and Mr. Daniel Craddock will be pleased to meet anyone at 135 pounds.

PROF. W. WARD BEAM will give a short talk on physical training and an exhibition of over 2000 movements by a class of perfectly developed young men. Showing exercises for the arms, legs and body, also breathing for the development of the chest.

Class drills and jumping.—J. A. Short, W. C. Price, C. G. Reinhold, T. E. Stevenson, W. S. Boekel, T. G. Fogel and F. Walters.

This is an outline of an entertainment that is unique and varied and one that will be instructive as well as entertaining to ladies as well as gentlemen. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

### BOOK OF THE ROYAL BLUE

The April number "Book of the Royal Blue," published by the Passenger Department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, is a special Mountain, Lake and Sea Shore edition.

The number opens up with an appropriate little poem entitled "A Spring-Fever Song," and is followed by brief descriptions of all of the principal pleasure and health resorts on and adjacent to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Illustrations are profuse, making the number of particular interest. The attractive features of Deer Park, Mountain Lake Park and Oakland, the Maryland Mountain resort, are emphasized and much information is given concerning the numerous springs of Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Single copies may be had for five cents on application to D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Baltimore. The annual subscription to the magazine is but fifty cents, and each number issued monthly, contains some special article of interest.

### Has Three Wives

Daniel F. Stuart, a citizen of Seaford, although a Methodist in faith, is a Mormon in practice. He recently deserted his wife, Mrs. Lee Stuart, of that town, and lived with a second wife near Wood, side. Later information reveals the fact that Stuart has yet another wife with whom he has been living of late.

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. MELBA A. WILSON

Mrs. Melba A. Wilson, widow of the late Alexander Wilson, of Kent County, Md., died at the Middletown Hotel, this town, Saturday morning, the 11th inst., after an illness of but a few days, having passed the seventy-eighth mile stage of life's journey the tenth of March last. Her husband died at Wilmer's Point, on "The Sassafras," January 12th, 1875, and she continued to reside at this old mansion, famous for its beautiful situation, until 1880, when she came to Middletown, and thereafter resided at the Middletown Hotel until the day of her death. Her husband owned a large landed estate in Kent County, Md., and his fine old country seat on "The Sassafras" was the delight of all who visited there. The hospitality of both was up to Maryland traditions, and those who visited them bore away memories of the sweet old country life that obtained on the Eastern Shore from the days of the first settlers.

Mrs. Wilson was quiet and unobtrusive and a woman of rare gentleness, and those who knew her best loved her most. She was born near Hart's Meeting House, in Cecil County, March 10th, 1825, and was married to Alexander Wilson, Esq., in 1850, by whom she had two children, Addie L., wife of Daniel M. Cochran, Esq., and Geneva W., wife of Frank J. Penington, Esq., both of whom survive her. Her body was interred in Forest Cemetery Tuesday afternoon, the 14th inst. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and when they resided in Kent County worshipped at Sassafras.

Six of her grandsons acted as pallbearers, as follows: A. Wilson Cochran, Daniel M. Cochran, Jr., Richard L. Cochran, Lee Penington, Alexander Wilson and Walter G. Wilson.

#### ODESSA NOTES

Mr. Otto Hohman, of Chester, Pa., is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. John Heller, of Wilmington, visited friends in town this week.

Miss Nellie Stevens visited friends in Chester from Saturday until Monday.

Miss May Enos entertained her friend, Miss May Chance, of Philadelphia, Sunday.

Miss Etta Rose, of Newark, visited her sister, Miss Burdette Rose, part of last week.

Rev. J. M. Arters and Mr. Cyrus Keen were in Wilmington a few days this week.

Miss Burdette Rose entertained her sister, Miss Lidie, of Philadelphia, on Monday.

Mrs. Mattie Catts and daughter, Anna, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. William Eccles Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph L. Gibson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John C. Corbit, Jr., at Norristown, Pa.

Mr. Fred Stephens, of Bridgeton, N. J., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Alfred Stevens.

Mr. Oakley Vinyard, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vinyard.

Misses Bertha Stevens and Katie Kumpel have returned from a visit with relatives in New Jersey.

Mrs. F. W. Curtis and children, of Newark, are guests of her parents, Mr. D. W. Corbit and wife.

Miss Gertrude Gremminger and friend, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. M. Gremminger.

Mrs. R. N. Rhodes and son, Albert, left Saturday for Kennedyville, Md., where they will visit her sister.

Messrs. George and Richard Moore and Richard Dulin, of Salisbury, Md., spent the Easter Holidays with their parents here.

Easter services were held in the M. E. Church Sunday evening. The exercises were in charge of the Sunday School and were very good. The house was crowded and the services were much enjoyed by all present.

At a business meeting of the Epworth League Cabinet on Friday night of last week in the lecture room of the M. E. Church, it was decided to observe anniversary day and make preparation for same to be held the third Sunday in May.

Miss Hettie Carpenter, of near town, entertained at her home on Sunday, Misses Margaret and Myrtle Townsend, Miss Mary and Ethel Maloney, Messrs. Samuel Townsend, Tinley Scott and Wilmer Fennemore, of Townsend, and John Haldemeyer, and Lester Naylor, of Odessa.

#### TOWNSEND NOTES

Prof. H. K. McCabe spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Augustus Gill spent Sunday with friends near Leipzig.

Miss Lizzie Dische spent Sunday with her parents near Smyrna.

Mr. M. B. Donovan and family spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss Mamie Townsend, of New York, visited her mother this week.

Mr. H. M. Smith removed his family to St. Georges on last Saturday.

Miss Anna Sharpless spent Easter with her parents near Landenberg, Pa.

Mr. Stant, of Millington, Md., visited his son, Mr. George Stant, on Monday.

Mrs. W. N. Watts and daughter, Mrs. D. B. Jones, visited Middletown on Monday.

Some of the young folks of Townsend attended the Catholic church of Warwick on Easter.

Mr. George Stant is having a new wheel-wright and blacksmith shop erected on West Main street.

Messrs. D. B. Maloney and D. B. Jones attended the meeting of the State Sunday School Association at Lewes on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Joseph H. Jones and Miss Bessie Phillips attended the 10th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. George Crossland, of near St. Georges.

Mr. Charles Carpenter, of Cleveland, O., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. P. Hutchison, who has been seriously ill for sometime, but is now convalescing.

### ST. GEORGES ITEMS

H. C. Gray was a Wilmington visitor on Monday.  
James H. S. Gam spent Thursday in Middletown.

Miss Clara Barnett, spent Easter with Philadelphia friends.

Miss Lucy Hill is visiting relatives at London Grove, Pa.

Mrs. Rachel Cleave is spending this week in Delaware City.

Mrs. Fred Hildebrand has returned from a visit to Middletown.

Mrs. Edward Gam was a visitor in Wilmington part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cleave, of Port Penn, were in town on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray, of near Newark, visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. Jessup, of Swathmore, was an over Sunday visitor at the manse.

Mrs. H. C. Gray and guest, Mrs. Alice Haigh, spent Friday in New Castle.

Mrs. Alida Jones on Friday entertained Charles Roberts and wife, of Odessa.

Miss Della Moore and Charles L. Smith took in Wilmington sights on Friday.

William Heisel, of Elkton, Md., spent Easter with Joseph Heisel and family.

Frank Jones, of Alameda, Cal., is visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Alida Jones.

Charles J. Butler, of Camden, N. J., is visiting J. R. Crossland and family.

Mrs. J. R. Milligan and Mrs. Charles Bonnell were in Wilmington on Saturday.

Messrs. James Roberts and Harry Straub were Wilmington visitors on Saturday.

Mrs. A. N. Sutton is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Mollie Preston, of Unionville, Pa.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. DeWitt entertained Mrs. Freda Jhanke, of Philadelphia, last week.

Clarence Jamison, wife and daughter spent part of last week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Emma Carlisle and children, of Wilmington, spent Saturday with Frank Shonle and wife.

Miss Mary Roberts, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her parents, William Roberts and wife.

Miss Anna Stewart entertained the choir of the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Laura Jones and her guest, Mrs. Gram, of Chester, Pa., visited relatives near Newark on Friday.

Mrs. Clarence Pool and son, N. M. McDonough, visited her parents, A. N. Sutton and wife, on Saturday.

James Paynter and family entertained Mrs. Maria Racine and son, L. B. Racine, of Porters, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Haigh who have been guests of H. C. Gray and family, having returned to their home in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones have been entertaining their cousin, Miss Mattie Murry, of Newark, for the past few days.

Both of our churches held appropriate Easter exercises on Sunday evening and included a treat for the Sunday School scholars. The churches were prettily decorated with potted plants, cut flowers and mottoes appropriate for the occasion.

The news of the death of Rev. Charles F. Sheppard, a former pastor of the M. E. Church here, was a great surprise to his many friends. His death occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Davis, at Frankford, Sussex Co., with whom he has resided since he retired from the ministry two years ago on account of ill health, his last charge being our church here. During his pastorate here he made many warm friends who deeply regret his demise.

#### DELAWARE CITY

The Rev. Omer Jones, spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Mr. S. R. Hines, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Evergram, of Wye Mills, is visiting Miss Annie Hunter.

Miss Mary Tugend, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Carl Adler, of Camden, N. J., has been visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schunder, of Philadelphia, spent Easter with friends here.

Mr. George McIntire, of Philadelphia, spent a few days with his parents this week.

Mr. E. Warren Simkins, who has been visiting friends here has returned to Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vail and daughter, of Dutch Neck, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. Titus Irons, of Philadelphia, has returned home after spending Easter with Mrs. Castelow.

The wedding of Miss Mollie Lewis, of this town, and John Roberts took place on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the M. E. Parsonage, the Rev. Mr. Jones performing the ceremony. The bride was prettily attired in a traveling gown of navy blue. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will reside in Chester, Pa.

#### REDUCED RATES TO NEW ORLEANS

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the American Medical Association at New Orleans, La., May 5 to 8, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all stations on its lines to New Orleans, on May 1, 2, and 3, good going on those dates and good to return reaching original starting point not later than ten days from date of sale, at reduced rates. By depositing ticket with Joint Agent at New Orleans between May 1 and 12, and payment of fifty cents, an extension of full return ticket to May 30 may be obtained.

THE TRANSCRIPT \$1.00 per year.



## The Dramatic Rights To "Laurel Crowns"

BY ELIZABETH McCracken.

MARTIN PAGE, the author of "Laurel Crowns," sat at his desk, reading his letters.

These letters were a daily renewed source of some pleasure and more bewilderment to Martin. He could not realize his own success, of which there was one outcome. His book had been of absorbing interest and enchanting delight to himself. That it was no less interesting and delightful to the great world seemed to him incredible.

While he lay awake in the night and planned it, the book had been no less real to him than his own breathing. During the hours in which subsequently he had written it, it had yet been as actual and vital to him as the hand which guided the pen; but the moment the book was published, he lost it. Instead of the thrilling joy which he had often imagined himself experiencing in the presence of his first printed book, he had a lonely little feeling toward it that made him begin to write a second book.

It will be seen that Martin had temperament. He also had youth and an almost childlike simplicity of outlook.

The author of "Laurel Crowns" was kindly to a degree. Seven of his letters were requests for autographs. Martin wondered why anyone wanted his autograph, but he cheerfully wrote his name seven times. One correspondent requested the authorship of the quotation with which "Laurel Crowns" was concluded. She inclosed no stamp, and the quotation was from the quality-of-speech in "The Merchant of Venice," but Martin courteously wrote a reply.

Usually, he had little difficulty in answering his letters, but this mail had brought three, each of which demanded much more than a signature, a postage stamp or a slight introduction to the plays of William Shakespeare. Martin read and re-read them within-creasing embarrassment.

The first was from his publishers:

Dear Mr. Page:— It said cautiously. If, as we are inclined to understand, Winfield Stone solicits the dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns," we would strongly advise you to accept his offer. He is, as you are aware, the most powerful theatrical manager in the country—and then the publishers reiterated their strong advice.

The second letter was brief to the point of curtness:—

Martin Page: Dear Sir:—I want the dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns."

Winfield Stone. It is obvious that Martin would have had no dilemma whatever to face had there been no third letter, but there was a third letter.

It was written on a small sheet of heavy, white paper, at the top of which, in old-blue ink, were the letters J. C., daintily embossed in a fantastically obscure monogram. The handwriting was heavy and black and expansive. To persons who like to find a revelation of character in so arbitrary a thing as chirography, it might have suggested impulsiveness. The letter itself more than suggested impulsiveness.

Dear Martin:— it said, Don't tell me you have already let someone else have the dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns." I want them! The part of Ruth— why did you name her Ruth?— just fits me, precisely fits me; and I want to star in it. Yes, I do! To-day I went up and told Winfield Stone that I was tired leading and wanted to star. Indeed, I did! He looked at me reflectively. I thought he was going to say: Exactly; and I will star you! But he didn't! I cannot—star—you—he began in that drawl which he sometimes uses, and I was so furious that I instantly left the place, without waiting for him to say another word. The idea of his saying he could not star me! Don't you think I can act well enough to star? The idea of Winfield Stone—

But I shall star myself, if you still have the dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns." Will you dramatize it—or get someone who is used to dramatizing things? Let me know instantly, if you still have the rights to "Laurel Crowns."

Hastily your friend, Jeannette Curtis.

Martin held the letter in his hand and absently rubbed his thumb over the monogram. Now, what is a fellow to do? he interrogated. The part of Ruth exactly fits her! It would be

strange if it didn't! She is Ruth!

He read the letter again. Of course, she must have it, if she wants it, he said, simply; but still, a man owes something to his publishers. If Winfield Stone produces it, it will double the sales of the book; and what a blatant idiot people will think I am, if they hear I've refused it to Winfield Stone! His face suddenly flushed. They will say I let Jeannette have it because—I love her. Martin stopped, and read Jeannette's letter again. Well, I do, he said, boldly, but—she wouldn't want to have everybody saying it. She won't let me say it, and she doesn't love me. "Your friend," he read aloud from Jeannette's letter. I wish she wouldn't emphasize it so!

Martin took the great manager's letter in his other hand. He smiled, grimly. It was so different from Jeannette's letter in outward semblance and so identical with it in spirit.

As he held the letters side by side and stared at them in perplexity, he started. Jeannette's letter was dated a day in advance of Winfield Stone's. Martin's face cleared as if by magic. I might have thought of that! Jeannette. Hers was written first! Careless girl, she forgot to mail it, as usual! That settles it! He turned to his desk, and quickly began to reply to the no longer vexatious letters.

To Jeannette he said:— My dear girl:—Of course you may have the dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns." What do I know about starring? But I think you act well enough to do anything. I'll dramatize it, or you can, or we'll get someone to dramatize it, just as you prefer.

Martin concluded the letter with several additional betrayals of his naive ignorance in regard to the practicalities of dramatic affairs. As he had inferred, Martin knew little about starring; but he had known Jeannette Curtis from her childhood. The dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns" were by no means first among his possessions to be bestowed upon her. Martin was aware that Jeannette might not use "Laurel Crowns" to large advantage; but he was very gentle, and so he was happy in the mere giving of his love and his bounty.

Taking out another sheet of paper, he wrote to Winfield Stone. His letter was as laconic as the manager's own:—

Winfield Stone: Dear Sir:—I have already disposed of the dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns."

Martin Page.

Martin slowly blotted the letter. Won't he be surprised, thought he, he thought. He has always had what he said he wanted. It's a pity Jeannette has quarrelled with him. He was making her career—and I don't believe she knows how to star by herself, even in "Laurel Crowns."

Jeannette's letter had fallen to the floor. He reached for it, and laughed as he again unfolded it. I've read it enough times, he reflected, to know every word of it! Let me know instantly, she says. I didn't notice that! Well, I will!

He sprang to his feet, seized his letter to Jeannette, and taking his hat, rushed to the door. He threw it open, and then stopped short. A girl, a charming girl, who curiously resembled him in appearance, stood at the door, her hand lifted in the very act of knocking. She broke into a low, surprised laugh. Why, Martin, what in the world—she began. Her voice had a marvelous ringing tone, as soft as it was clear. Winfield Stone had said that this voice was more than half of her professional equipment.

Oh, Jeannette! Won't you come in? Martin said. I got your letter this morning, and I was just going to get a messenger to take an answer to it. He looked at her and smiled, mischievously. You said to let you know instantly, he concluded.

Jeannette took the letter from his hand. I did not say anything about your turning yourself into a cyclone over it, she said.

She looked up into his face, and then they both laughed. She too! the chair at Martin's desk. Opening her letter, she read it. Martin seated himself on an absurd little divan made of a steamer-trunk and a Bagdad portiere, and watched her.

He did not know how strong was the resemblance between them. Jeannette's difference in coloring served to conceal it, even from persons more keensighted than Martin. She was very fair; her face had almost no trace of color, her eyes were the gray of silver, and her hair was the palest possible brown; but like Martin's face, Jeannette's was peculiarly eager and vivid. Like Martin's, her eyes were strangely gentle; but unlike Martin's, her mouth had a wistfulness in its curve, even when she smiled.

She looked up from her letter as she read it, and smiled. I shouldn't say you did know much about starring, she observed.

Martin laughed. How much do you know about it yourself? he retorted.

Well, said Jeannette, meditatively, I don't know as much as Winfield Stone—but I've made up my mind to star, and star I shall, even if Winfield Stone won't—she ceased, abruptly, for on Martin's desk she saw the envelope of Winfield Stone's letter. She glanced quickly at Martin, but the young man was pushing the cushions of the divan in to a heap, and he did not see her startled eyes.

Martin, she began, I am very warm—

Martin turned to her. You don't look particularly warm, he said, critically. I like that dull Pompeian color, he added, as he gazed at her linen gown, and that hat. Blondes hardly ever have enough artistic sense to wear red touched off with black; they usually go in for blue and ecru—But you don't look warm.

Well—I am, Jeannette insisted. If you can't take me at my word—she added, offensively.

The author of "Laurel Crowns" laughed. I can try! he exclaimed. Now, how shall I cool you off? A fan? I don't own a fan! I have it, I'll run over to the corner and get an ice-cream soda!

Jeannette's conscience smote her when Martin had left the room; but she did not call to him to return. She waited until she heard the bang of the elevator-door as he closed it; then she hastily searched among the letters scattered over the desk. She put her own letter impatiently aside, but the publishers' and manager's she grasped, and read with parted lips. She found the envelope and the other two, then she compared the post-marks. A faint color came into her fair cheeks. He got them all in this morning's mail! she whispered.

In her haste she had moved the blotter, which Martin had left over his letter to Winfield Stone.

The letter lay before her eyes, and she read it. Then she read again the letter Martin had written to her; then she stared unseeing at the floor for an instant, and then she covered her face with her hands, and trembled with a strange excitement.

He loves me! He does really love me. But he shan't do it! I'll be leading-woman all my life first! Winfield Stone wants "Laurel Crowns." Good gracious! Martin's fortune is made—and he loves me enough to unmake it! And to think I never would believe he loved me at all!

Jeannette lifted her shining eyes. She seized her letter to Martin in one hand, and Martin's pen in the other; then, laughing softly, she drew two heavy lines through the word friend. Think of the time and energy I've wasted making him believe I didn't love him! But truly I didn't think he really loved me, and I couldn't tell him I did love him! she sighed, happily.

You certainly look warm enough now, Martin remarked, when he returned. You look positively overheated. I am, Jeannette replied; but it would take something more than ice cream soda to cool me off! And, anyway, I must go. I've decided not to star—that is, right away. Winfield Stone knows more about it than I do. I'm going right over to see him now about being leading-woman again next year.

But, Jeannette—said Martin, in amazement. Jeannette almost ran to the door. Good-by! she said. Martin caught her hand.

Jeannette's cheeks paled again. In her hand, she still held her letter to Martin.

Why, Jeannette, he cried, as his eyes led by the rustling of the paper, fell upon the unmistakable blue monogram.

She allowed him to take the letter. Half mechanically, he unfolded it. The two lines drawn through the word friend flashed before him. Jeannette! he exclaimed. Really?

Jeannette turned slowly, and looked at him. His gentle eyes shone happily, and her smile had lost its wistfulness. Yes, she said; and he seized both her hands.

Oh, no, no, don't she protested; and again her face was flooded with delicate color. I'm going; I must go! Martin still held her hands. When, Jeannette, when? he questioned, but Jeannette would not look at him.

Please let me go, she besought him.

But the dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns?" he queried.

What has that to do with— I'm not going to star, and I don't want them, she replied, her beautiful voice trembling. If you don't let me go this moment, I'll write "friend" in again! she added, suddenly; and Martin let her go. She flew to the door and down the hall to the elevator. The door of the elevator had just been opened; Jeannette swept blindly into it, to the astonishment and very nearly the annihilation of its one occupant. I beg your pardon! she exclaimed, without turning her eyes.

Good heavens, you should! You are the most precipitate person I ever knew. First, you whirl out of my office, and then you—

Jeannette gasped. Mr. Stone! she said, breathlessly.

Exactly, replied the manager, urbanely. I am going to ask Mr. Martin Page why he doesn't answer his letters promptly.

Young authors are so conceited! Do you happen to know Martin Page? he added, suddenly.

Know him! cried Jeannette. I've known him all my life. I—I am going to marry him.

What! ejaculated the manager. Yes, said Jeannette, I am; but you may have the dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns."

But, shouted the manager, but you say! Are you going to retire now, after all I've done for you?

Retire? echoed Jeannette. Of course I'm going to retire! I'll go right on being leading woman!

The manager lead her from the elevator into the hall, and scrutinized her face with genuine anxiety. Would you object to telling me whether by any chance you have lost your mind? he asked.

Perhaps I have, faltered Jeannette. I wouldn't be sure.

You told me you wanted to star— And you told me you couldn't star me, Jeannette returned.

And you got up, and whirled off, as I have said before. If you had less suddenness and more serenity of manner, you would have waited until I had at least finished my sentence, the manager drawled. What I started to say, was that I couldn't star you, unless I could get the dramatic rights to "Laurel Crowns."

For me? cried Jeannette, wildly.

Exactly. For whom else? The part of Ruth just fits you—

It certainly does! put in Jeannette.

And you say I may have the dramatic rights—

Yes, oh, yes!

And yet you said you wanted to go right on being leading-woman!

No, I do not, Jeannette exclaimed, excitedly. I do not! I want you to star me; I want to star in "Laurel Crowns!"

Then what in heaven's name is all the trouble about? the manager demanded, fiercely.

Jeannette laughed like a happy child. There is not any trouble, she said, with a new and lovelier ring in her rare voice. There is not any trouble in the whole wide world! And leaving the manager staring after her, she ran down the hall, opened the door without knocking, and rushing into to the astonished author of "Laurel Crowns," flung her arms around his neck and kissed him. Winfield Stone in the hall, she said, and I think you had better take him out that ice cream soda; he needs something!

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